

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minutes of board meeting of 29 November, 2007, Urban Camp Melbourne, Brens Drive, Parkville

Present: Niel Black, Dianne Batterham , Graeme Charles, David Dinning, Tony O'Shea (Chairman) , Shirley Faram and David Griffiths (Secretary)

1. Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting of 2007 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting. CARRIED

2. Audit

It was noted that the audit had finally been completed in time for the meeting despite the original documentation for the audit being lost by Australia Post between Avoca and Ballarat.

3. Co-operative Education

Graeme Charles reported that he had attended a Co-operative College course in WA and had now been trained as a trainer for the Co-operative Identity Program. It was noted that CFV was not required by the Co-operative College to pay a fee.

Graeme reported that the UK Co-operative College would be forwarding shortly a MOU between itself and CFV for the delivery of Co-operative Identity Program in Eastern Australia using Graeme Charles who would become an Associate of the Co-operative College. The College would continue to provide courses in WA.

The Chairman said that he had authorised the allocation of \$1500 to enable Graeme's participation to cover travel and accommodation expenses. Graeme estimated that he had expended \$1200 and that \$300 would be returned to the Federation.

That the Chair's decision to provide \$1500 for the accommodation and travel expenses to enable Graeme Charles to attend a Co-operative College train the trainer workshop in WA be ratified.

CARRIED

Graeme also reported that all Capricorn staff had been through a Co-operative Identity workshop – approximately 150. There was a brief discussion on Capricorn's commitment to co-operative education and David Griffiths reported that he had asked Trent Bartlett to provide an article on the impact of the workshops on the co-operative.

It was agreed that it would be useful for Trent to discuss the workshops with Murray Goulburn and the Secretary said that he would follow this up.

4. ICA Singapore

David Griffiths provided each director with an information pack from the ICA General Assembly – the four issues of the ICA GA Digest and the Global 300 List 2007.

He said that two main issues from the ICA General Assembly were covered in Agenda items 5 and 6.

5. Health Co-operatives

David Griffiths reported that at the ICA General Assembly he had invited health co-operative leaders from Brazil and Spain to visit Australia on the basis that they would have to pay their own costs for the visit. There was a discussion and it was agreed to extend an invitation for the visit.

That Diane Batterham co-ordinate the visit in liaison with the Secretary.
CARRIED

6. CCA Membership of the ICA

David Griffiths reported that until recently only the CFV had supported Australian membership of the ICA but that this had now changed and the CCA had agreed in principle to seek Australian membership.

The basis for this changed position was a meeting at the ICA General Assembly which included CFV (David Griffiths), CFNSW (Helen McCall), Capricorn Society (Trent Bartlett) and the NZCA (Ramsay Margolis).

He said that it was proposed at the meeting that a group of five co-operatives in Australia be approached to sponsor CCA membership of the ICA for a three year period which each co-operative providing \$1000 per annum for a total of \$3000. He said that Trent Bartlett, of Capricorn, had agreed to make the approaches to other CEOs.

7. CFNSW

It was noted that there would be a meeting with the CFNSW on 14 December 2007 and that CFV would be represented by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman. The Secretary reported that he was unable to attend the meeting.

8. Financial Statements

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1 July 2007 – 27 November 2007 was tabled.

9. Fonterra

There was a brief discussion on the possible demutualisation of the New Zealand dairy co-operative Fonterra.

There was no decision.

Next Meeting: 10: 30. am, 20 February 2008, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Prepared by David Griffiths: 01 December 2007

Approved by Tony O'Shea: 01 December 2007

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2008 Schedule of Board and AGM meetings

Board

Start time: 10:30am

Venue: Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

20 February 2008

AGM